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The irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta.

*458 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what was the extent fixed as the irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta before the shutters were raised at the Kistna Head Sluice;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the ayacut still further now that more water is available on account of the raising of the shutters; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government?

A.—(a) The irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta was fixed at 430,000 acres in 1924; the shutters were installed before the flood season of 1925.

(b) & (c) Observation for three years of the effect of the shutters has shown that there is sufficient surplus water to irrigate about 75,000 acres of early short crop (July to October), of which about 35,000 acres will be in the Kistna Eastern delta. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has applied for a special staff to work out detailed proposals and the question is now under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the report of the Chief Engineer on this question?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It is stated that he has applied for special staff to work out the detailed proposals. He will naturally report."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"When did he apply for the special staff?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It must be quite recently. Apparently it has not been disposed of."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the extent referred to in (b) and (c) relates to the Kistna Eastern delta or the whole delta?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It is stated in the answer that out of the 75,000 acres about 35,000 will be in Kistna Eastern delta."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Apparently the whole question was with reference to the Eastern delta?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"If the hon. Member suggests that it is a mistake, I will examine that point."

Construction of the Mettur dam with cement or lime, Indian or foreign.

*459 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the Government have decided to use for the construction of the Mettur dam, lime or cement; and

(b) if it is cement, what cement the Government have decided to use, Indian or foreign?

A.—(a) Cement composed of 80 per cent of Portland cement and 20 per cent of surki is to be used for the construction of the dam.

(b) The cement is manufactured in India.